

The Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee presents:



Representing Parents with Mental Illness in Family Law Cases

January 31, 2003

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Bunker Hill Community College

8:00 Registration and Breakfast

8:30 Welcome

8:45 A Family Member with Mental Illness: The Clinical Picture

Robin M. Deutsch, Ph.D., Co-Director, Children and the Law Program, Massachusetts General Hospital

9:15 Experiences of Parents with Mental Illness and their Families

Kathleen Biebel, Ph.D., Research Instructor, Center for Mental Health Services Research, University of Massachusetts Medical School

Joanne Nicholson, Ph.D., Deputy Director, Center for Mental Health Services Research, University of Massachusetts Medical School

Lawrence Stier, Research Assistant, Center for Mental Health Services Research, University of Massachusetts Medical School

10:45 **Break**

11:00 **Working Effectively with the Guardian Ad Litem**

Lisa van Gordon d'Errico, J.D., Solo Practitioner

Susan R. Elsen, J.D., Staff Attorney, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute

Jessica Greenwald O'Brien, Ph.D., Private Practice

12:30 **Lunch (box lunch provided)**

1:30 **Legal Strategies for Domestic Relations and State Intervention Cases**

Colby Brunt, J.D., Staff Attorney, Clubhouse Family Legal Support Project

Joan Katz, J.D., Solo Practitioner

Honorable Susan D. Ricci, Worcester Probate Family Court

Miriam Ruttenberg, J.D., Staff Attorney, Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee

3:15 **Break**

3:30 **Accessing and Incorporating Programs and Services for Parents with Mental Illness**

Colby Brunt, J.D., Staff Attorney, Clubhouse Family Legal Support Project

Ann Detrick, Ph.D., Deputy Commissioner for Mental Health Services, Department of Mental Health

Shannon Hall, Program Director, Family Project, Employment Options Inc.

Evelyn Mateo, Clubhouse Member, Employment Options Inc.

Toni Wolf, Executive Director, Employment Options Inc.